

Award Overview and Submission Guidelines

Overview

In celebration of 10 years of community development work across the US, RDF wants to put the focus back onto our community and help in a small way ease the pressures on community organizations that the current economic crisis has generated. Intrinsic to our mission to increase opportunities for the Latino community and low-income families, RDF has elected to provide an award for community organizations that are providing “basic need” services to our community. RDF’s goal is for the awards to recognize those organizations publicly, and also provide a financial contribution to the selected organizations.

Award Description

Five- Ten organizations will be selected according to the criteria set forth in this document. Each organization will be **awarded \$5000.00** to be used for providing services already rendered by the organizations in benefit of the Latino community and low-income families. The total number of awards will be driven by the number of applications received at the sole discretion of RDF. The award funds are un-restricted except for where the criteria below apply to the organization.

Selection Criteria

1. The organization must be an affiliate of NCLR.
2. The organization must be providing basic needs such as food, transitional housing, clothing, emergency health care, etc to be considered for this award.
3. The organization must already be performing those services. This award is not to support programs that were not already in place at the organization before March 2009.
4. The organization must fill out with complete responses and submit the attached questionnaire by the deadline to be considered.

Important Dates

All fully completed questionnaires must be received back to our office by June 1, 2009. Winners will be notified the week of June 15, 2009. **All winners will be recognized at RDF’s “Community Thank You” reception to be held in Chicago on July 23, 2009.** It is not mandatory that winners attend the reception, those who cannot attend will receive the award via mail.

Additional Information

Submit questionnaire to:

Raza Development Fund /Attn: Award

101 N. 1st Avenue Suite 900, Phoenix, AZ 85003

Or for questions and/or e-mail submissions: tenthanniversary@razafund.org

Organization Name: _____

Contact Person/Person Responsible for the Submission: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

On a separate document answer all the questions below (please limit your answers to no more than 6-10 sentences per question):

1. What needs in the community is your organization fulfilling and what population groups do you serve? How many individuals and/or families do you serve on a weekly basis?
2. What if any increase in demand for your services have you experienced in the last 6 months?
3. How have you adjusted to #2?
4. How has your organization's budget and expenses adjusted to the current economic conditions?
5. Please provide the names of 2 other organizations in your area you know are doing direct-into-the community work to service those in acute need due to the current financial downturn.

NOTE: the organizations you submit are not competing against your organization for the award.

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